WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Cost of generation of atomic power

*445. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: i Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that atomic power is going to be costlier as compared to thermal power; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the cost per unit of atomic thermal and hydel power at present;

(c) whether it is feasible to produce atomic power on same cost per unit with the thermal power or even cheaper if produced on an economic-scale; and

(d) whether imported machinery would be required for producing atomic power; if so, what is the estimated capital required for import during the Seventh Five Year Plan for atomic power plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.' R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The cost per unit of electricity generated at Nuclear Power Stations ranges from 36.99 paise per kwhr to 44.61 Paise per kwhr. The cost per unit electricity at thermal power stations in the country ranges from 37.41 paise per kwhr to 61.55 paise per kwhr approximately. The cost per unit of power generated at Hydel Power Stations ranges from 2.60 paise to 6.42 paise per kwhr for older stations and from 35 paise per kwhr to 50 paise per kwhr at stations commissioned recently.

(c) The cost per unit of energy produced at Nuclear Power Stations would be comparable with the cost per unit of energy produced at Thermal Power Stations which are commissioned at approximately the same time.

(d) Yes, Sir. It is estimated that ap proximately Rs. 230 crores worth of im ported materials and equipment would be required by Nuclear Power Projects during the Seventh Plan period.

सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना की प्रगति

*446. डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछली पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं की तुलना में सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना की प्रगति (जून, 1987 तक) कम है या अधिक ;

(ख) सातवीं योजना की मध्यावधि समीक्षा के क्या निष्कर्ष हैं ; और

(ग) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना पर उसका क्या प्रभाव होने की संभावना है ?

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) पिछली पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं के पहले दो वर्षों में रिकार्ड किये गये भाग की अपेक्षा पहले दो वर्षों में उपयोग में लाये गये कुल परिव्यय के भाग के रूप में सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना की प्रगति अधिक थी ।

(ख) क्योंकि मूल्यांकन अभी तक पूरा नहीं किया गया है इसलिये योजना के मध्यावधि मूल्यांकन के निष्कर्ष उपलब्ध नहीं हैं ।

(ग) इस समय आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना पर इसके प्रभाव का अनुमान लगाना संभव नहीं है ।

Amnesty scheme for Income-tax evaders

*447. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA;

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD;

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the res-ponse *to* the amnesty scheme for income-

tax evaders, the term of which expired on March 31, 1987 was not satisfactory;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to nave a new scheme for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE X>EPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

*448. *[Transferred to the 28th August,* 1987].

Recommendations of the central water commission

*449. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRA-VARTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Water Commission had recommended two major flood-control projects for protection of Moriaholla area and Mukalmua (Howlighat) in Assam to the Planning Commission for approval;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have not yet given clearance to the above projects in spite of Assam Government's repeated requests;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that half of the National Park at Kn.ziranga is going to be engulfed by the floods of the Brahmaputra in a very short period of time for the non-implementation of the above projects; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government to the above problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM); (a) and (b) The Central Water Commission put up two major flood control projects for protection of Moriaholla area and Mukalmua in Assam to the Advisory Committee of the Planning Commission at its meeting held in October 1986 for consideration and advice. In the absence of the proven efficacy of the type and design of the , proposed works, the Committee could not recommend clearance of the above projects to the Planning Commission and hence Planning Commission have not yet given clearance to the above projects.

(c) and (d) Government is aware of the flood problems of Brahmaputra river including that of kaziranga National park. The problems and various remedial measures are under study and appropriate measures are being taken to combat the floods.

Handing over of a Chinese ship to Pakistan

♦450. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that China has handed over to Pakistan a 15,000 tonne supply-ship named PNS NASR;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this ship is capable of refueling and resupplying other ships and helicopters at sea: and

(c) if so what steps Government pro- pose to take to match their Navy with j those of the neighbouring countries, which poss a potential threat to India?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government of India keeps all developments having a bearing on the country's security under constant observation and initiates appropriate counter-measures, from time to time, *to* maintain defence preparedness. The Indian Navy is equipped and modernised in keeping with the emerging threat perceptions.